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THIS SABBATH

Parsha Terumah

Friday Evening, 8.30 p.m.

"ONEG SHABBAT"

RABBI WILLIAM MARGOLIS
will speak
in the Agudath Achim Synagogue,
Rideau Street
on

"WHAT IS REALLY THE JEW-
ISH CONCEPT OF HEAVEN
AND HELL?"

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SABBATH MORNING SERMON
in the B'nai Jacob Synagogue
James Street.

RABBI MARGOLIS will address
"THE BAR MITZVAH"

Schedule of Services

Kindling of Lights.....4.55 p.m.
Sabbath Eve Services.....5.15 p.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Cong. Adath Jeshurun....9.00 a.m.
Cong. Agudath Achim.....9.00 a.m.
Cong. Machzikei Hadath....8.30 a.m.
Cong. B'nai Jacob.....8.30 a.m.

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AGUDATH ACHIM BANQUET SET FOR FEBRUARY 13th

Plans for the Annual Banquet and Get-together of Congregation Agudath Achim, Rideau Street, to be held on Sunday evening, February 13th, in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue, are nearing completion. An interesting program of entertaining features is being prepared, and the Dinner Committee assures all who will attend, of a most delightful evening.

A novel item on the program will be Palestinian and other folk songs by the guests.

Birthday Ballad

*To Little Adolf The Great
On The Completion of
Five Years of Nazism*

Forgotten Führers, ancient, dead,
From out their fetid foul tombs call,
With bounteous blessings on thy head,
Like theirs held high—like theirs 'twill fall.

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Herr Pharaoh's Testament and Will
Bequeathed the Seder hymns we hum;
A pyramid of Jewish skill
Is now that King's mausoleum.

Herr Haman turned his Nordic eyes
Toward some all-Aryan 'next world';
But our immortal Mordecais
Saw his and others' necks twirled.

The Lights of Chanukah be-dim
Herr Emperor Antiochus,
(Our deathless Faith was Greek to him,)
We live—and he with Cerberus.

Herr Torquemada ravaged Spain,
(Iniquitous Inquisitor!)
Yet unrestored, still wracked with pain,
His land doth reek with ghastly gore.

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Thus rise the Authors old of Hate—
From Stygian graves to thee they speak:
"We too, like thee, were wont to prate
With Godlike mien, of 'power at peak'.

We share thy joy at five years' reign
And bid thee here ein hearty 'heil'!
Regards from Egypt, Greece and Spain—
We'll see thee in a little while!"

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A. S. Gilmor

'HEAVEN AND HELL' IS RABBI'S TOPIC TONIGHT

Great interest has been manifest in the subject announced for Rabbi Margolis' address, at the 'Oneg Shabbat' gathering in the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street, tonight at 8.30.

The Rabbi will speak on 'The Jewish Concept of Heaven and Hell', which is one of the least understood, and most abused subjects in Jewish intellectual and pseudo-intellectual life.

SPEAKER TO DESCRIBE CHALUTZIM CAMPAIGN

A member of the Vaad Hapoel of the Histadruth and guest speaker at the two meetings which will be held in Ottawa this week-end under the auspices of the local Chalutzim Campaign Committee. Mr. Joseph Gurion will speak in English on Sunday, February 6th at the Chateau Laurier and in Yiddish at the Talmud Torah on Monday. Both meetings are open and will commence at 8.30 p.m.

Joseph Gurion arrived in Eretz Yisroel when a mere lad of fifteen and in the twenty-five years which followed, rose to the forefront of the Chalutz movement. After a short course in Agriculture, he became a member of a Workers' Colony, at Ber Tuviah, where he resided till 1924.

The outbreak of the war and the formation of the Jewish legion imposed new duties on the pioneers and Joseph Gurion answered the call. Despite his youth, he rose to the rank of Sergeant where he soon showed evidence of his ability to lead men.

Peace brought him back to constructive work, both in the field of agriculture and in the field of organization. He took an active part in establishing the Histadruth. In 1924, he was one of a group of nine who founded the Kvitza Giva where he makes his home today. With the forming of two branches of the Histadruth, 'Nir' and the Workers' Bank, once more Gurion acted on the organization committees. The government took notice of his organizing talents and today he is a member on two government advisory boards dealing with agricultural problems.

In the two months since his arrival in America, Mr. Gurion has already won for himself the title, 'The Man From the Emek' by virtue of his frank descriptive talks on what has taken place and what is happening today in the National Homeland. Newspaper reports indicate that his visit will be a treat for Ottawa Jewry.

Dr. H. Dover is Chairman of this year's campaign with Dr. A. Slone acting as Vice-Chairman.

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Prayer for Parliament

HEAVENLY FATHER—

Thou art the source of all Blessing. Thou art the Supreme Ruler of Kings. Thou who grantest wisdom to the wise and strength to the strong, confer of thy Strength upon the Parliament of this Canadian Dominion of the British Empire, which has these days commenced its vital deliberations in the name of the King, Thy loyal, royal subject.

It is in the midst of tragically troublous times for Thine universal humanity that our Canadian Parliament convenes. Unkingly Kings reign without reason; malevolent ministers mouthe messages of human hate into the hapless hearts of their mindless minions. The innocent blood of countless of thy children of all creeds and colors is turned into rushing rivers along once civilized streets. And we, all the while, breathe prayers of thanks to Thee for privileging us to live in a land of freedom and peace, protected by the power of a Parliament of just and faithful men . . .

Vouchsafe unto them, Dear God, hearts of continued courage in the face of forces that would smash apart the holy bulwarks of liberty, built of the suffering and sacrifice of the past, and cemented with the mortar of human hope and faith. At any moment, in these uncertain hours, the dread disease of blinding bigotry, or the horrible spectre of the sword may loom upon the happy horizon of our free Nation. We beseech Thee, O Father of all beings, to make our leaders strong as the guardians of our great Empires' tradition, and as the active mind and conscience of our Government.

Protect our Parliament from the fatal impulses that have made men forget the price of war and the value of peace. Endow them with unerring wisdom in leadership, with the untrammelled spirit of friendship in royal brotherhood. Send them, from Thy Parliament in Heaven, the Blessings of a Heavenly Parliament on Earth.

AMEN.

THE CHAOS CALLED CULTURE

One of the most vaunted criteria of the progress of modern civilization has been the advancement of education. When, toward the end of the era of medieval autocracy, the privilege of education began to be extended more widely, and the value of wisdom more generally acknowledged, the highest encomium that could be pronounced upon a tyrannical monarch was 'enlightened despot.' But the added quality of 'enlightenment' seldom mitigated the degree of despotism. It was only after such portentous events as the French Revolution, and the first signs that the new-born babe of Democracy was destined to live, that the world began to pay unhesitating homage to Education, as the character-builder of humanity. The new era of thinking and writing that marked the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, coming simultaneously with the gradual emancipation of nations and peoples, convinced historians of the day that the prophecy of Epictetus, the Greek philosopher-slave, had come true. For Epictetus had denied the enslaving principle that 'only free men shall be educated.' He said, 'Only educated men shall be free!'

The fateful times in which we are living are most anomalous. The most unscrupulous enslavers of human beings today, are educated men. Every second minister in Hitler's cabinet is a 'Professor' or at least a 'Doktor'. The vicious idea of the stigmatized 'ghetto-benches' was conceived in Polish universities. And official reports from Rumania, last week, brought the paradoxical tidings of King Carol's assurance that 'there will be no Anti-Jewish violence' in his great country, and also descriptions of bestial beatings and shameless brutality against girl students in the medical university of Bucharest!

One is tempted to ask, 'What's wrong with education?' We must answer that nothing is wrong with education. It is just that education is not enough! Moral decency, intellectual honesty are the essentials for really fruitful culture. And these precious ingredients are still lacking in the modern scheme of 'educating.'

Education is not always the criterion of an advancing civilization. Education needs certain criteria for its own justification. An older Rabbi once asked a younger colleague, 'Was hast du gelernt?' The young exuberant Rabbi immediately answered, 'Ich hab Talmud gelernt!' Whereupon the aged scholar quietly queried, 'Aber was hatt der Talmud *ihnen* gelernt?'

It would be well for educators to ponder the question: what is education doing for mankind? And then teach accordingly.

William Margolis

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Items for inclusion in this column must be sent to P.O. Box 50, Ottawa before Monday of the week of publication

Every Sunday

Breakfast Club—Service and Breakfast for boys 13-17, at 9:00 a.m. sharp, Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street.

Bath Mitzvah Girls—course in customs and ceremonies, at 10:30 a.m., Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau St.

Chug Ivri. Directed by Mr. Israel Lief, principal of Talmud Torah. For adults, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Every Wednesday

Women's Bible Circle in the Talmud Torah Hall, two o'clock sharp in the afternoon.

'Blatt Gemara' in Yiddish, conducted by Rabbi Margolis, 8 o'clock sharp in Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, Murray Street.

Bath Mitzvah Girls—History of Jewish Personalities, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue. Directed by Mr. Herman Roodman.

Every Thursday

Men's Talmud Class in English, conducted by Rabbi Margolis, 8 o'clock sharp in Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau St.

Every Saturday

Older pupils of the higher Hebrew Classes are urged to attend the Ivriah Club. Also under direction of Mr. Israel Lief, Principal of Talmud Torah. Saturday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 6

Noveltea Dance. Sponsored by Aleph Zadik Aleph. Talmud Torah Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. The community is cordially invited.

Chalutzim Campaign presents Mr. Joseph Gurion, guest speaker of the Histadruth. Chateau Laurier. At 8:20 p.m.

Monday, February 7.

Mr. Joseph Gurion to speak in Yiddish. Talmud Torah Hall. 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, February 13

Annual Dinner of Agudath Achim Synagogue. Open to members and seat-holders. Talmud Torah Hall at 6 p.m.

BREAKFAST CLUB NOTE!

The boys of the Breakfast Club are shortly to be presented with very attractive sterling silver pins as a reward for consistent attendance on Sunday mornings. A careful record is kept, and boys will continue to receive pins as their records warrant in subsequent weeks.

A tacit understanding has been made whereby members whose attendance falls down without adequate reason, will be expected to return these pins. Such contingencies, however, are not expected.

The Sleigh Drive of the Ottawa Boys Breakfast Club, scheduled for this Saturday Night, will begin from the Talmud Torah at 8:30 sharp. Boys are urged to gather there on time!

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BATH MITZVAH GIRLS IN ESSAY CONTEST

An essay contest on "The Sabbath," sponsored by the Rabbi for the Bath Mitzvah Group, will culminate this Sunday morning. All essays must be turned in by then to be considered for prizes. These essays will also serve as a mid-year mark for the girls who are candidates for 'Consecration' at the end of the year.

Three prizes will be given: First prize—three dollars; second prize—two dollars; third prize—a valuable book of Jewish interest.

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DRAMA LEAGUE STARS Y. P. L. MEMBERS

We congratulate the Drama League on its most competent presentation of Elmer Rice's 'Judgment Day'. It is gratifying to know that among the important activities of our city we number a dramatic group that performs on a truly high level of artistic and intelligent expression.

Among those in the excellently chosen cast are: Mr. Bertram Katz, Miss Marjorie Margoshes, and Mr. Max Bookman.

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NOTHING STARTS A HEALTHY DAY LIKE AN ORANGE. NOTHING STARTS A HEALTHY JEW'S DAY LIKE A PALESTINIAN ORANGE!

ASK FOR PALESTINIAN ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT. YOUR DEALER HAS THEM! HELP THE PRODUCE OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL. PALESTINIAN JUICE FOR PALESTINE-LOVING JEWS!

'G'MILUTH CHESED' ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL WEEK-END

A beautifully attended Sabbath Service, dedicated to the Ottawa G'miluth Chasodim Society, inaugurated the annual celebration of that organization last week. Rabbi Margolis delivered a special sermon for the occasion, stressing the historic and ethical significance of 'loans without interest' to needy fellow-men.

On Sunday evening, the Talmud Torah Hall and the large anteroom were well-crowded with guests at the Annual Tea sponsored by the Ladies of the Society. The fine representation of the Ottawa Poel Ha-mizrachi provided joyous atmosphere by singing Palestinian folk-songs all evening. Rabbi Margolis made a spirited appeal for increased membership, and announced a contribution of two hundred dollars by Mr. and Mrs. J. Rachlin to the Loan Fund, in memory of their beloved late son. A beautiful chair, contributed by Mrs. A. J. Freiman, O.B.E., was raffled off and won by Mrs. Feller. Mr. Leon Petegorsky, President of the Organization, presided, and a usefully enjoyable evening was had by all.

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CANTOR THIS SABBATH IN CONG. AGUDATH ACHIM

This Friday evening and Saturday morning the Agudath Achim Synagogue will enjoy the services to be conducted by Rev. Samuel Herman, of Toronto, guest cantor for this Sabbath. A cordial invitation is extended to the entire Community to attend services in the Synagogue, on Rideau Street.

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THANKS, MRS. MARGARETEN

The Breakfast Club and the Bath Mitzvah Girls are enjoying the satisfaction of a delightful promise fulfilled.

Mrs. Regina Margareten, of New York City, visited both groups one Sunday morning, several weeks ago, and was so inspired with their work that she promised to present them with 'benschers'. They arrived last week, and their happy owners are busy learning 'Brachoth' by heart.

The Breakfast Club and the Bath Mitzvah Girls wish to thank Mrs. Margareten through the columns of the 'Bulletin', and to wish her many healthy years of happiness in her wonderful work for our people.

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MAZOL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. D. Segal of 6 Lett Street on the occasion of the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Morris which is to take place in the B'nai Jacob Synagogue this Sabbath morning.

WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Lena Florence Chapter of Hadassah

Mrs. S. Epstein was hostess at a Tea Meeting of the Lena Florence Chapter of Hadassah which was held in the Vestry Rooms of the Agudath Achim Synagogue last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. S. J. Ritt gave a very satisfactory report.

Next week's hostesses will be Mrs. H. Finkelstein and Mrs. A. Borts with Mrs. A. H. Lieff as guest speaker.

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B'nai Brith Youth Employment Bureau

The B'nai Brith Youth Employment Bureau will hold its first meeting on Sunday, February 6th, at 10.30 a.m. in the Vestry Rooms of the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue. Boys and girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four, who are interested in employment or vocational guidance will be enrolled at this meeting. The Bureau has four positions to fill immediately.

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Ladies' Auxiliary Talmud Torah

Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. M. Monson, Mrs. H. Pleet and Mrs. I. Sobcuff cordially invite the community to attend a Tea and Bridge in aid of the Talmud Torah on Sunday evening, February 6th, at 8 o'clock, in the Talmud Torah Hall. Kindly arrange tables and bring cards.

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Breakfast Club

Some ninety boys assembled, last Sunday morning, in the Vestry Rooms of the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue, for service and breakfast. Mrs. L. Baker, Mrs. Max Feller, and Mrs. J. Ginsburg offered the breakfast and those who assisted in serving were Mrs. Abraham Freedman and Mrs. M. Shenkman.

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Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue will give a Tea on Sunday afternoon, February 13th, in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue, King Edward Avenue. Mrs. G. Cohen, Mrs. Dave Mirsky, and Mrs. Z. Rill will be hostesses. A fine program is being arranged.

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Hapoel Hamizrachi

A very interesting and instructive talk was presented by Mr. I. Lieff, Principal of the Talmud Torah, at a meeting of the Hapoel Hamizrachi held last Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Harry Soloway, 88 Goulburn Ave. Mr. Lieff pointed out in what respects Hapoel Hamizrachi differs from Mizrachi. Miss Riney Cohen read a very educational paper on 'A Message Of The Prophets' which was enjoyed by all.

Ladies' Auxiliary B'nai Jacob

On Sunday afternoon, February 6th, Mrs. E. Friendly and Mrs. S. Goldberg will give a Tea in the Vestry Rooms of the B'nai Jacob Synagogue, James St. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Congregation extends a cordial invitation to Ottawa Jewry.

The Regular Meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Monday evening, Feb. 7th, at 8.30 in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue.

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Agudath Achim Congregation

On Sunday afternoon, February 6th, in the Vestry Rooms of the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street, the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Congregation will take place at 2.30 in the afternoon. Final arrangements will be discussed for the Banquet to be held on February 13th.

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Adath Jeshurun Sunday School

The Adath Jeshurun Sunday School will begin classes regularly at 10 a.m. Last Sunday Rabbi Margolis was a welcome visitor to the school. He made a tour of inspection in the junior grades.

The pupils are asked to be at the King Edward Avenue Synagogue at 2.30 p.m. sharp on Sunday, February 6th, for the sleigh drive. Members of the staff will be in charge of the sleigh. The Sisterhood are providing the treat afterwards in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue.

Classes will be held as usual in the morning.

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Naomi Chapter of Hadassah

A special feature of a Palestinian Booth will be shown at a meeting of the Naomi Junior Chapter of Hadassah, next Wednesday evening, February 9th, in the Vestry Rooms of the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue. An enjoyable evening is assured to all who will be present.

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TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Junior Congregation

Cantors for last Sabbath morning services of the Junior Congregation were Jacob Greenberg, Mortin Baslaw and Harry Morris. Master Harry Morris was given the privilege of 'bensching' Rosh Chodesh for the Congregation.

Mrs. L. Fine and Mrs. L. Finkelstein were hostesses at Kiddush given to the Junior Congregation on Saturday morning, January 22nd. The young boys wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of thanking the many ladies who have so gratefully given of themselves in contributing to the mornings' services. Once again the entire Congregation joins in extending a hearty vote of appreciation to their kind friends for their regular assistance.

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Parents' Day

Classes 3 and 4 of the Talmud Torah wish to extend a cordial invitation to their parents to come and attend the sessions taking place on Sunday morning. Visiting hours are from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a valuable opportunity for fathers and mothers to see and hear exactly what their own children are learning. Don't let it pass!

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B'nai Jacob Loan Syndicate

A highly successful Dinner was held last Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Congregation B'nai Jacob Loan Syndicate, in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue, on James Street. Mr. Max Dworkin is Chairman. Mr. J. Bookman acted as toastmaster, and speakers included Rabbi Margolis and Mr. Leon Petegorsky, President of the Ottawa G'Miluth Chasodim Society.

Presentations of Cups were made to Mr. Max Dworkin, Mr. A. Bookman and Mr. B. Gubbler.

Officers of the Loan Syndicate are: President, Mr. Max Dworkin; Treasurer, Mr. A. Bookman; Financial Secretary, Mr. B. Gubler. Executive: Mr. J. Gladstone, Mr. D. Agulnik, Mr. M. Flesher, Mr. I. L. Aaron, Mr. J. Bookman, Mr. I. Hartman, Mr. S. Lesh, Mr. M. Korn. Finance Committee: Mr. A. Fonberg and Mr. J. Cohen.

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Ladies' Auxiliary Agudath Achim

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Mrs. S. Kronick will give a Tea in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue, Rideau Street, on Sunday, February 6th.

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